Schemes for Handloom Industries

†*168. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes implemented under the new textiles and apparel policy to encourage the handloom industries with a view to create the opportunities of employment and earnings at local level itself;

(b) the number of Central projects to be implemented by Government keeping in view the economy of the State of Uttaranchal; and

(c) to what extent Government propose to explore the market for local people?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA): (a) The Central Government extends financial assistance through the State Governments for implementing various Schemes and Programmes for the overall development of the handlooms sector with a view to creating employment opportunities and raising the earnings of the weavers in the country. The Schemes include, *inter-alia*, Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana, Export Development Scheme, Mill Gate Price Scheme and other welfare schemes like Workshed- cum-Housing, Thrift Fund, Group Insurance and Health Package.

(b) All State Governments, including the Government of Uttaranchal send in their proposals under the various handloom development schemes. Funds are being released as and when viable proposals are received from them.

(c) Under the Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana, marketing incentive is being provided for the development of handloom sector and for the benefit of handloom weavers. Handloom exhibitions like District Level Events, Haats and National Level Exhibitions are also being organized for marketing of the handloom products.

Ropeway at Tehri Hydro-Electric Project

*169. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 17 labourers were killed when a rope trolley fell into a deep gorge near Tehri Hydro-electric Project;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

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